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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice. Further, the specification has been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-13 have been amended for better clarity and conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference designations typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Claims 1-13 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-9 and 11-13 are objected to since PCB is not spelled out. In response, claims 1-5,

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7-9 and 11-13 have been amended to spell out PCB. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-5, 8-9 and 11-13 is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 is allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claim 4 is allowed. Further, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to also includes a patentable feature of the allowed claim 4. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 1 be allowed. In addition, claims 2-3, 5-7 and 10-16 should be allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 8.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are

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currently due beyond the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the fee for a one month extension of time to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: New Abstract
RCE Transmittal
Authorization to charge credit card \$910 that includes
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NEW ABSTRACT

An optical disk drive includes an optical pick-up unit having a fixed part with at least a light source, and a movable part mounted on a guide. The movable part includes a mirror, a focusing lens, and lens-moving elements. The movable part is adapted to move a focused beam along the disk. A single PCB is provided having a signal connection to the lens-moving elements on the movable part of the pick-up unit through flexible wires. The PCB serves as a mounting base for the fixed part of the optical pick-up unit, the guide, and the drive motor.